

# This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 7th October 2024



In 1 Corinthians 12:20-22 St. Paul describes working together as being like the human body; he says:

**"...there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable."**

For us at DCS this emphasises the importance of everyone – all of us have a valuable and significant part to play in making our school community fun, interesting and successful.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Bible verse of the week is a helpful reminder as we continue to reflect on our FAITH values that every single one of us in the school community is important. We all have different personalities, skills and abilities but we are all valuable and have much to offer to others.

We're now over half way through our first half term and it definitely feels like we're in Autumn. We've had both of our open evening events as well as two introductory parents' events for our year 7 and 12 students. Next week is our Year 13 parents evening (Thursday 17 October). Please do make sure you've made your appointments – this will be your last ever parents' evening! This is such a critical year for your child as they start to make decisions about their step into adulthood be that university, apprenticeship or employment. We're really looking forward to meeting with you to help support their next steps along with you.

There will be an early finish for students on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Students are finishing at 2:10.

It's great to see that our enrichment opportunities continue; please do read the article about the trip to the Theatre Royal in Nottingham. In a couple of weeks, two of our Sixth Form students are going to visit Auschwitz in Poland. The students who went last year found it to be an incredibly moving experience and we're really grateful to Mr Richardson for enabling this experience. If you want to read more about this camp, have a look at: <https://www.auschwitz.org/en/>

A number of our Sixth Form physics and chemistry students are also soon to head to Geneva to visit Cern. This is the centre for nuclear research where they look at the fundamental particles that make up us and everything around us! If you want to read more about this please see the following web page: <https://home.cern/> This is such a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience the place where world class, ground breaking research happens. Again , we are really grateful to the physics department for organising this trip.

I wish you all a good week.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown

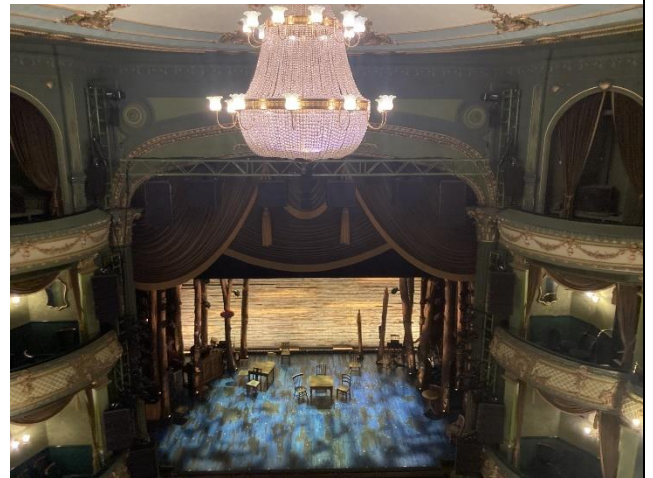
## Nottingham Theatre Royal Trip: Come From Away

*Come From Away* at Nottingham Theatre Royal – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

Do you remember where you were when 9/11 happened? I imagine for most staff and parents it's a yes. But as our students weren't born when this happened, it's an obvious no. Yet many know of the tragic events that happened that day. But did you know what happened to other flights that were in the air at the time?

*Come From Away* tells the true story of one flight that was going from Paris to Dallas, Texas, and had to land in a place called Gander, in Newfoundland, Canada (all flights had to be grounded urgently and couldn't be in the air space near New York). When all the passengers first land in Canada, they still don't know why, and we watch them react to seeing the events on the news and understanding the severity of the situation. The residents of Gander (a very small town) have to cope with 38 planes landing in their town and nearly 7000 people, and 19 animals (which almost doubles the population of this small place). But the residents of Gander step up to the mark, and some don't even sleep for 5 days, as they make sure there are food, shelter and supplies for all of these stranded people.

*Come From Away* is a heart-warming story about the kindness of humanity in the worst of situations. Some of the relationships that are formed at the time remain today – even more powerful that this is all true! The show is 1hour 40minutes with no interval, and the actors seamlessly multirole, and move props to show different locations so that we are transported on the journey with them. It is a tour de force of stage craft and the energy of the performers keeps you hooked throughout.



It was a delight to take Y10-12 students to see this performance, which began in Broadway, then came to the West End, and is now on UK tour. Although they weren't alive when the devastating event happened, they know about some of the aftermath, and the power of human kindness in the worst of situations.



## Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday 10 October, we held our annual Sixth Form open evening. It was a great evening and it was fantastic to see so many of our year 11 students as well as visitors from across the city.

Applications can be made directly on our website: <https://derbycathedralschool.org.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-admissions>

If you click the 'Application' link it takes you to the page below.

Our current students are already in the system and just need to enter their school email and password in the 'Existing Users' box to start their application.

**NEW APPLICATIONS**

Applications are now open for September 2025 entry.  
The closing date for all applications is Friday 31st January 2025.

Please contact Miss Bounds  
by email: [sixthform@derbycathedralschool.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@derbycathedralschool.org.uk) or by  
telephone: 01332 325710 ext 543 for further enquiries.

[New Application](#)

**Existing Users**

Username or Email address

Password

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If you weren't able to make it, or you want to investigate a few more courses, don't forget to look at our prospectus and subject videos on our website. They can all be found on the Sixth Form Admissions page (see link above).

The deadline for applications is **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**.

## Flu Vaccine – December 2024

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/568cf314>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on Tuesday 3rd December 2024. The link will close on the 19th November 2024. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2024, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 5.

## Free English Classes for Adults

Derby Adult Learning Service are offering a range of free (funded by UK government) English classes to support parents/carers improve their English skills within a family context such as the school system, healthy eating, parents' roles and responsibilities to support their child, keeping healthy, wellbeing, making appointments, engaging with their child's school.

Classes are available in Family Hubs around Derby. Please see below:

Osmaston Allenton Family Hub, 60 Cockayne Street North, Allenton, Derby

DE24 8XB. Starting Monday 16th September, 9.30-11.30am. Phone - 01332 956850

Rosehill Family Hub, 17-19 Lower Dale Road, Derby, DE23 6WY.

Starting Tuesday 17th September, 12.30-2.30pm. Phone - 01332 641315

Becket Children's Centre, 35 Stockbrook Steet, Derby, DE22 3WR.

Starting Wednesday 18th September, 9.30-11.30am. Phone - 01332 640250

Sinfin Children's Centre, 345 Sinfin Lane, Derby DE24 9SF.

Starting Thursday 19th September, 9.30-11.30am Phone - 01332 956967

Mackworth Morley Family hub, Reigate Drive, Derby, DE22 4EQ.

Starting Friday 20th September, 9.30-11.30am. Phone - 01332 208175





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- **Infected insect bite**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**  
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**  
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



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## NHS Cadets Opportunity


St. John's Ambulance and the NHS have partnered up to offer an exciting free programme called the NHS Cadets.

NHS Cadets' mission is to attract young people to careers in healthcare and develop their skills to the point where they are self-sufficient in health volunteer opportunities.

The programme will assist young people in not only acquiring new skills and knowledge but also gaining hands-on experience in the NHS through a 36-week programme (2 hours per week, not including work experience).


There is currently an Advanced Programme starting soon in Derby aimed at 16-18 year olds.

Pathways into healthcare | [sja.org.uk/nhscadets](https://sja.org.uk/nhscadets)



**Ask us how young people can volunteer in healthcare**

[sja.org.uk](https://sja.org.uk)



**Join NHS Cadets today**

### Who can get involved?

Our Cadets come from a diverse range of backgrounds - there is no 'typical' NHS Cadet. If you identify with one or more of these statements, our programme would be a good match for you.

- I'm from a minority ethnic group
- I consider myself part of the LGBTQI+ community, or I'm questioning
- I'm not in education, employment or training, or I'm at risk of this
- I'm struggling with my progress at school or college
- I live in care, or I've recently left care
- I provide regular care or support for someone
- I receive free school meals
- I have mental health concerns
- I consider myself to have a disability or impairment
- I consider myself neurodivergent, or I have special educational needs
- I am seeking asylum, or I'm a refugee

If you're unsure whether you fit into one of these categories or wish to discuss something else, please don't hesitate to email one of our friendly team at [nhscadets@sja.org.uk](mailto:nhscadets@sja.org.uk)

### How do I get involved?

New programmes are opening all the time and even if we don't currently have one in your area you will be added to the waiting list ready for when we have one close enough to you. Or we may be able to put you on a virtual group so that you can take part from the comfort of home.

To learn more, find your local programme and apply, please visit <https://nhscadets.sja.org.uk/join-today/>.

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### Reach your potential with NHS Cadets and learn the skills you need to support vital healthcare teams across the country.

[NHS Cadets](#) is a Programme created by St John Ambulance in partnership with the NHS. It's designed to provide you with the opportunity to explore roles in healthcare and prepare for volunteering.

The programme consists of two pathways: Foundation (for 14–16-year-olds) and Advanced (for 16–18-year-olds). You'll learn about a range of exciting healthcare topics, develop your leadership and communication skills, and gain insight into volunteering within the NHS.

It is a free programme consisting of 2-hour weekly sessions over 36 weeks. You'll be supported throughout your journey by our NHS Cadets Team.

## Dates Ahead

### Term Dates

28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half Term

23<sup>rd</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Christmas Break

**INSET Days** – School closed to all students

4<sup>th</sup> November

### Parents Evenings / Opening Evenings

2<sup>nd</sup> October – Y6 Open Evening 5:30 – 7:30pm

10<sup>th</sup> October – Y12 Open Evening

17<sup>th</sup> October – Y13 parents evening 3 – 6pm

19<sup>th</sup> November – Y10 Information / Parent Evening

28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Y11 Parents Evening 3-6pm – early finish for all students at 2.15pm

### Other Key Dates

Term and key dates can also be found on our calendar and terms dates sections on the school website.